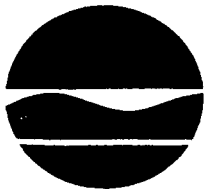


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# Fact Sheet

November 2000

Bossert Manufacturing Corp. Site No. 6-33-029

1002 Oswego Street, Utica, NY  
NYSDEC, Region 6, Oneida County

## Bossert Manufacturing Corp. Site Metal Stamping Press and Soil Removal Contract Has Been Awarded

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has awarded a \$534,674 contract to remove 28 metal stamping presses and excavate and dispose of contaminated soil to the lowest bidder, ERM & CO, Inc. of Long Island, New York. The work is scheduled to begin on November 27, 2000 and should be completed by June 5, 2001.

The Bossert facility, while in production, used PCB-containing oils in electrical transformers and in hydraulic presses. Manufacturing processes, waste disposal practices, and machinery salvage operations performed subsequent to the facility closure reportedly resulted in the spread of PCB residues. The site is listed in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites as a Class "2" site. A Class 2 site poses a significant threat to public health or environment; action is required. *(See attached map for location of the site.)*

**The Remedial Action:** The cleanup includes:

- dismantle, decontaminate and dispose of 28 large metal stamping presses;
- building demolition, as needed, to remove metal stamping presses;
- excavate, stage, sample and dispose of contaminated soils;
- backfill the excavated area with a clean compacted backfill;
- place a barrier cover soil in selected areas;
- place top soil and seed;
- clean and videotape the storm drains and related manholes; and
- excavate test pits as required.

*See the other side of this fact sheet for more information about the remedial action. Detailed project information is available for review at the repositories listed below.*

**Your Opportunities to Be Informed and Involved:** You are encouraged to contact the staff listed at left if you have questions or concerns. NYSDEC will keep you informed through the cleanup process.

**Document Repositories:** Three locations provide access to information about the site:

City of Utica Library  
303 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315)735-2279

NYSDEC Region 6 Office  
State Office Building  
Utica, NY 13501  
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# BOSSERT MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

## Summary of Cleanup Action

### Actions to Date

The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Design for Operable Unit 1 (OU1) have been completed by the City of Utica under the NYSDEC 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act (EQBA) Title 3 Reimbursement Program.

Due to the City of Utica's financial difficulties, relief was given to the City of their Title 3 obligations and the responsibility for the clean-up of the Bossert Site was assumed by NYSDEC in March 1997.

Although a NYS Superfund Site, all the above ground remedial work at Bossert was completed by EPA between September 30, 1997 and November 13, 1998, except for the removal of 28 large metal stamping presses which were drained and externally decontaminated.

While EPA conducted its removal action, NYSDEC performed a limited site investigation during the Fall of 1998 of the surface and subsurface soils, the groundwater and the storm sewers. The results of this investigation helped to identify the elements of the remedy, in addition to the removal of 28 metal stamping presses.

The Remedial Design for this work was completed in February 2000. Bids were opened on May 4, 2000.

### Construction

All contractor's operations must be performed in accordance with a site specific Health and Safety Plan developed for this project. Part of this plan will address community protection and includes air quality monitoring during the remedial construction.

### Inspection of Work

The remedial activities will be inspected daily by an on-site full-time inspector from Ecology and Environment Engineering (E&E), an engineering consulting firm

employed by NYSDEC to assist in management of this project.

## Funding for the Proposed Remedy

This project will be funded under the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act.

## Background Information

The Bossert Manufacturing Facility is located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The site consists of an abandoned 210,000 square foot production facility located on a 6.9 acre parcel. This NYSDEC class 2 inactive hazardous waste site is located in a mixed industrial, commercial, and residential area known as West Utica. From approximately 1896 to 1985, Bossert fabricated and welded sheet metal products such as brake plates and steel floor grates.

The Bossert facility used PCB-containing oils in electrical transformers and hydraulic presses. Manufacturing processes, waste disposal practices, and machinery salvage operations performed subsequent to the facility closure reportedly resulted in the spread of PCB residues.



SITE LIMIT

LENOX AVENUE

MACHINE PRESS

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EXIT

COURTYARD

OFFICE

AREA 2

AREA 3

DEBRIS STORAGE AREA

COVERED STORAGE AREA

BOILER ROOM

UNDERGROUND TANKS

EXIT

OSWEGO STREET

NOYES STREET

Route 12

(NORTH - SOUTH ARTERIAL)

RAILROAD



LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1" = 150'

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